

Senate Bill No. 620

CHAPTER 602

An act to add Section 2455.2 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 620, Wiggins. Healing arts: osteopathic physicians and surgeons.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of osteopathic physicians and surgeons by the Osteopathic Medical Board of California and imposes various fees on those licensees. Existing law also provides a procedure for license renewal.

On and after July 1, 2010, this bill would require each licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon to report to the board, at the time of initial licensure, any specialty board certification that he or she holds and, at the time of license renewal, his or her practice status, as specified. The bill would also authorize a licensee to report to the board, at the time of initial licensure and license renewal, his or her cultural background and foreign language proficiency. The bill would authorize the board to make this information available on the board's Internet Web site.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2455.2 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

2455.2. (a) A licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon shall report to the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, at the time of initial licensure, any specialty board certification that he or she holds that is issued by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or approved by the Osteopathic Medical Board of California.

(b) A licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon shall also report to the board, at the time of license renewal, his or her practice status, designated as one of the following:

- (1) Full-time practice in California.
- (2) Full-time practice outside of California.
- (3) Part-time practice in California.
- (4) Medical administrative employment that does not include direct patient care.
- (5) Retired.
- (6) Other practice status, as may be further defined by the board.

(c) A licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon may report to the board, at the time of initial licensure and license renewal, and the board shall collect, information regarding his or her cultural background and foreign language proficiency.

(d) The information collected pursuant to this section may be placed on the board's Internet Web site.

(e) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2010.